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Forest staff gain firepower

42 frontline staff undergo intensive firearms training to curb poaching

Forest staff practice rifle firing at Doddabyadarahalli Firing Range in Mandya.

Mysuru, June 7 (MTY&BCT)- For the first time in Karnataka, frontline Forest personnel in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar have undergone intensive firearms training aimed at strengthening forest protection and curbing poaching.

With large tracts of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts under forest cover, the Forest Department, in coordination with Mysuru District Police, trained staff deployed in vulnerable forest zones and fringe villages in the use and handling of rifles, pistols and other firearms. A total of 42 Deputy Range Forest Officers and patrol guards participated in a four-day training programme held from May 27.

The course included weapon handling, maintenance and live-firing exercises. Personnel from anti-poaching camps of Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, patrolling units, the Leopard Task Force and Elephant Task Force were part of the batch.

The training was conducted at the Doddabyadarahalli Firing Range in Mandya, where over 500 rounds were fired during practical sessions. The theoretical sessions, along with armoury visits and introductory classes on weapons, were held at the Mysuru District Armed Reserve and City Armed Reserve units.

Usage and upkeep

Master trainers conducted sessions on the operation and upkeep of 12-bore pump-action guns, .315 rifles, 9 mm pistols and 7.65 mm revolvers. Officials said, the programme focused on firearm safety, maintenance, marksmanship and jungle combat readiness.

Participants were trained in loading, unloading, dismantling and reassembling weapons, along with drills on tactical movement, night patrolling and guard duties. The programme also included modules on coordinated operations, teamwork and shooting techniques, with special emphasis on accuracy in forest terrain.

(See FIREPOWER on page 6)

'Lalitha Mahal could turn into Lansdowne-like ruin'

Former MP Prathap Simha says no visible progress on saving heritage structure

Mysuru, June 7 (BLU&BCT)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has expressed concern that the proposed renovation of the century-old Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel could meet the same fate as the Lansdowne Building, which he said has been left to deteriorate due to official apathy.

He was speaking at a panel discussion on 'Mysore Airport: Connecting Mysuru to the World' held on the second day of the fifth edition of Mysore Travel Mart (MTM-2026) at Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar yesterday.

The event was jointly organised by the Mysuru Travels Association (MTA) and the Karnataka Tourism Department.

Simha said that although State Government has repeatedly promised restoration work of the Lalitha Mahal Palace, there has been little visible progress on the ground.

Former MP Prathap Simha speaking at Mysore Travel Mart in JCAC yesterday.

(See LALITHA MAHAL on page 6)

Domestic LPG cylinder price hiked by Rs. 29

Mysuru, June 7 (VNS)- The Central Government has hiked the price of domestic LPG cylinder by Rs. 29 making it the second increase in 3 months since start of US-Iran war.

In Mysuru, the 14.2 kg LPG cylinder has increased to Rs. 946.50 from Rs. 917.50 with effect from today.

It may be noted that the price of LPG cylinder was increased by Rs. 60 on Mar. 7 earlier this year owing to disruption in global energy supplies and increase in international fuel prices as a result of West Asia conflict.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mehul J. Patel, State President, LPG Distributors Association of India, said that today's hike would not benefit dealers in any way and added that Central Government had increased LPG prices owing to the increase in global oil prices.

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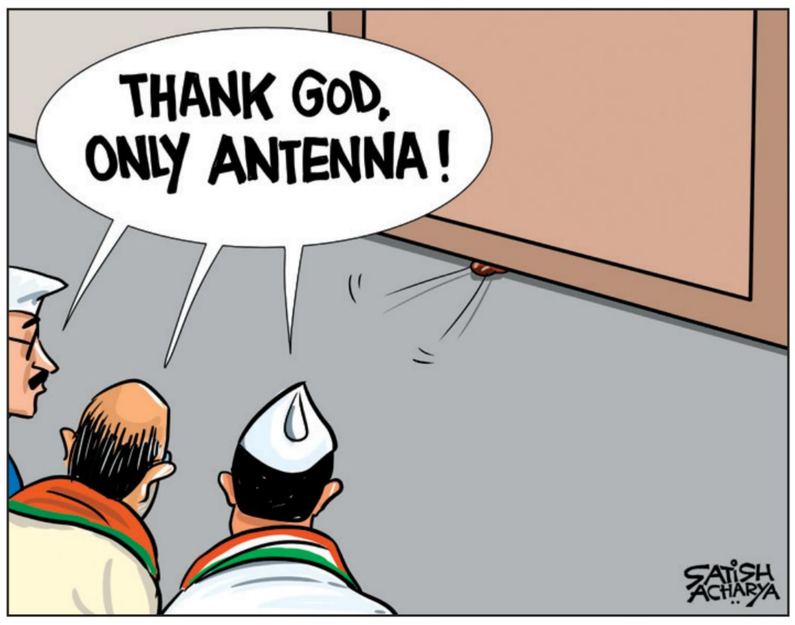
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WE WILL NEVER SEE A POEM LOVELY AS A TREE: ***The concept of forest bathing is rooted in the idea that immersing oneself in nature can have powerful effects on both the mind and soul. When we disconnect from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and focus on sights, sounds and smells of the natural world, we can reset and recharge our mental and emotional batteries. Just as pressing the reset button on a device can clear glitches or bugs, forest bathing helps us clear negative or stressful thoughts and feelings that are weighing us down. By embracing the healing power of nature, we can find peace, clarity and renewal within ourselves.***

We're inherently linked to the earth and all its elements. Nature is not merely a destination to be explored and then abandoned; it is a constant presence in our lives that provides us with nourishment, solace and a sense of belonging. By acknowledging nature as our home, we are more likely to treat it with respect and care that it deserves, recognising the vital role it plays in sustaining our own well-being and that of future generations.

In our fast-paced, tech-driven society, it can be easy to lose touch with calming and rejuvenating power of nature. Taking time to immerse oneself in beauty of mountains or tranquillity of woods allows for a much-needed break from the chaos of daily life.

When we take the time to immerse ourselves in the natural world, whether through a leisurely stroll in the woods or a peaceful moment by a flowing river, we often find ourselves enriched in ways we never expected. Nature has a way of soothing our souls, healing our minds and rejuvenating our spirits. It provides us with a sense of peace, clarity and connection that is truly invaluable. In our fast-paced and hectic lives, it is important to remember the restorative influence of nature and to make time to seek solace in its beauty.

Even the storms, with their energy and power, can inspire us to face our own challenges with resilience. In the embrace of nature, our worries and cares can fall away like autumn leaves, allowing us to reconnect with ourselves and find inner balance. But the way we're treating nature and defiling our environment, the day is not far when the world will be bereft of natural bounties and the deserts will welcome us with their endless sands and dry air. There'll be no zephyr, breeze coming to us, caressing the green leaves of trees and plants.

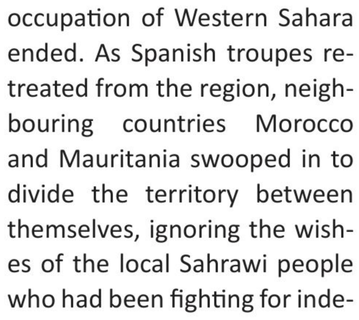
We still have time to save our environment and be in sync with nature. Much have we ravaged it. Now is the time to revive it. Let's take a pledge and remember the opening lines from Joyce Kilmer's poem, *Trees*, ***"I think that i shall never see/ A poem lovely as a tree."***

Imagine, if nature is gasping for breath, what'll be our fate? Imbibe the rejuvenating spirit of 'forest bathing' before you lose forests forever. Let us hope and 'be-leaf' in a greener future.

—Sumit Paul in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's longest continuous minefield



North Africa: The Moroccan Wall of Western Sahara, aka the Moroccan Wall, or simply 'the Berm', is one of the least talked-about militarised zones in the world, despite holding the record for the world's longest continuous minefield. It consists of long sandbanks, military fortifications, an estimated 7 million buried land mines, as well as large quantities of unexploded ordnance.

The origins of the Moroccan Wall can be traced back to 1975, when the Spanish occupation of Western Sahara ended. As Spanish troupes retreated from the region, neighbouring countries Morocco and Mauritania swooped in to divide the territory between themselves, ignoring the wishes of the local Sahrawi people who had been fighting for independence since 1960.

Interestingly, the Berm is not only the world's longest minefield, but also the second longest wall in the world, after the Great Wall of China.

Largest game of human foosball played

Ontario: The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. celebrated the upcoming FIFA World Cup by organising the world's largest game of human foosball.

The May 23 event at Humber Polytechnic Lakeshore Campus West in Etobicoke involved 254 participants holding onto giant horizontal poles and attempting to kick a soccer ball into an oversized goal.

"Soccer is about teamwork, energy and shared experience, and a human foosball Guinness World Records attempt brings those elements to life in a fun and unforgettable way," Neil Lumsden, Ontario's minister of sport, told Guinness World Records.

The record-keeping organisation confirmed the event qualified as the world's largest game of human foosball.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Stroke Can Be Reversed with Early Treatment

If a stroke patient reaches the hospital within 4.5 hours of symptom onset, a clot-busting injection may help restore blood flow and significantly reduce or reverse the effects of stroke.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed - Senior Consultant
Neurosurgeon & Endovascular Surgeon, Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Anti-Child Labour Day on June 12

Mysuru, June 7- The District Administration, in association with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Labour Department, Women and Child Welfare Department, Department of School Education (Pre-University), Police Department, Social Welfare Department, District Anti-Child Labour Planning Society, Child Helpline -1098 and voluntary organisations, will observe Anti-Child Labour Day (officially known as World Day Against Child Labour) at Maharaja's High School on JLB Road in city at 11 am on June 12.

Earlier, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Usharani, who is also the DLSA Chairperson, will flag off a children's' rally in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 10 am.

The rally will pass through the main thoroughfares in the Central Business District (CBD) before culminating at Maharaja's High School.

Senior Civil Judge Nagaraj S. Ankasadoddi, who is also DLSA Member-Secretary, will inaugurate the stage programme. DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy will preside.

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Yesterday's level **81.36 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,251.34 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.33 feet**
Today's Inflow **474 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,376 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **275 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **436 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **600 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Giraffes in the wild only sleep for around five minutes at a time. Because of the dangers they face in the wild, not only do they sleep while standing, but they also sleep intermittently so that they're prepared to run at any given moment.***
- ***There are more fake flamingos in the world than real ones.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Student: *Teacher, if I'm late to school, should I still count as present?*
Teacher: *No, you should count as 'past'!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 94.95**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 127.03**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.85**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 110.15**

VOICE OF THE READER

Plight of Agniveer aspirants in Mysuru

Sir,

It is indeed shocking and sad to see our young Indians, who had come to attend the Agniveer (Technical) Army Recruitment Online Examination at Hebbal in Mysuru, were forced to sleep on pavements and roadside shrubs amidst sultry weather conditions (*Star of Mysore* dated June 4).

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), which comes under the Government of India (GoI), has miserably failed to provide at least dormitories with basic facilities for a day or two. Is the MoD lacking funds to extend such facilities to candidates who are willing to serve in the Armed Forces without a second thought?

In addition, the District Administration in Mysuru has also failed in providing decent dormitories for over 800 Agniveer aspirants who had come to attend the online examination in the hope of serving the nation.

This incident clearly reflects the mindset of MoD officials and the lack of empathy from the District Administration. Many of the Agniveer aspirants may get disheartened as they are left to fend for themselves.

We have a vision for 'Viksit Bharat' in 2047. But this type of glaring maladministration reflects the aspirations of youth being taken for granted. Hope such Agniveer aspirants don't face the same ordeals in future.

—Norbert Gregory Brown

Mysuru
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New office-bearers of Railway Malayali Samithi 2026-2028

Shibin

Satheendran

Harikrishnan

Mysuru, June 7- The General Body Meeting of the Railway Malayali Samithi was held at a private hotel in city recently. Thereafter, under the supervision of the Presiding Officers, K.K. Pavithran and Narayana Pothuval, the new office-bearers for the 2026-2028 term were unanimously elected.

The elected office-bearers are as follows: President - Shibin K. Baby; Vice-President - M.C. Shabin, Secretary - T.V. Satheendran, Treasurer - V.R. Harikrishnan, Organising Secretary - Ambreesh, Assistant Secretaries - Shajin Raj, C. Ranjith and K. Vineesh and Auditor - Surendran.

During the meeting, eleven Railway employees, who retired from service during April and May 2026 and were members of the Samithi, were felicitated.

The gathering also acknowledged their long years of dedicated service and valuable contributions to the Samithi. Various suggestions were discussed to further strengthen the Samithi's social, cultural and welfare activities and to enhance member participation.

Interaction session on New Income Tax Act

CREDAI Mysuru Centre President M.S Harish Shenoy addressing the media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday. Also seen are** (from left) **BAI Mysuru Secretary Praveen Pal, CREDAI Mysuru Centre Hon. Secretary Nagaraj V. Bairy, BAI Mysuru Centre President Prabhakar Rao and Treasurer Shashiraj.

Mysuru, June 7 (VNS)- Confederation of Real Estate Developers of India (CREDAI), Mysuru Centre, Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru and Income Tax Department, will be organising an Interaction session on 'Assessment issues related to Real Estate Builders and Developers under the New Income Tax Act, 2025' at MBCT Auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar, on June 8 at 5 pm, said CREDAI Mysuru President M.S Harish Shenoy yesterday.

Addressing the media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, he said that the session aimed at providing comprehensive insights into key assessment-related provisions, practical implications and complex compliance aspects affecting the real estate sector under the newly adapted tax framework. Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Range-1 Mysuru Kalpalata Rajan, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, Circle-1 (1) S. Venkatesan and Dy/Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax R. Ranganathan will be the chief guests and lead the session.

The organisers have also invited the members and office-bearers of various professional bodies including Auditors Association, Chartered Accountants (CA) Association, Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (ACCE), Civil Engineers Association, Contractors Association, Architects Association, Valuers Association, NAREDCO, Developers Association and BAR Association.

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Green volunteers remove concrete from tree bases

Mysuru, June 7 (BS)- Volunteers of *Parisarakkagi Naavu* organisation in association with Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP) and Youth for Sustainability organisation, celebrated World Environment Day, by removing the concrete and tiles covering the base of 24 big trees on Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) Main Road in city on June 5.

Speaking on the occasion, Parashurame Gowda, General Secretary of *Parisarakkagi Naavu* demanded the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Forest Department to remove concrete, tiles and asphalt, from tree bases in compliance with the order of National Green Tribunal (NGT).

Earlier, various organisations had made several representations to MCC and Forest Department to remove the concrete, interlock tiles and asphaltation, covering the base of trees to allow water percolate down to the roots. Due to the lack of water and other nutrients, the roots were becoming weak, affecting the growth of trees.

Alerted over this alarming condition, NGT had issued directions to remove the concrete, tiles and asphalt within one-metre radius of the trees.

MCC and Forest Department, though acted on NGT order, restricted the action only for the trees on some roads of the city, leaving thousands of trees on many other roads as it is.

Parashurame Gowda appealed to the public to join hands for the green initiative to save trees in city that are facing threats in the forms of global warming and adverse weather conditions. Even the mankind and other living beings are not spared from the threats posed by inclement weather conditions, he rued.

Saraswathi of RLHP said, the organisation is involved in educating students, youngsters and people in rural areas about the importance of conserving the environment. There is a need for awareness about community-based movement, she added.

Maj. Gen. (retired) S.G. Vombatkere, *Star of Mysore* columnist Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, heritage expert Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Prof. Kalachanne Gowda, Shyamala, Nabijaan, Ravi Bale, Lolakumar, Krishna, Bhanu Prashanth, Gantaiah, Kamakshi Gowda, Vishwanath, Leela Shivakumar, Leela Venkatesh, Anjana, Mansoor Ahmed, Nasrulla, Sudheer, Shivashankar, Bangara Nayak, Chetan, Prabha, Shobha, Bhagya, Shylajesh, Ganesh, Indira, Susheela, Mahadeva Swamy, Chetan, Sara Misra, Jayalakshmi, Swapna, Srishti, Praveen, Charan and Prabhakar took part in the World Environment Day celebration.

'Hasiru Mysuru Laksha Vruksha Abhiyan'

Senior journalist Ajit Hanumakkanavar, noted humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda and former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev watering a sapling to launch** 'Hasiru Mysuru Laksha Vruksha Abhiyan' **in city.

Mysuru, June 7 (MK&BS)- Senior journalist Ajit Hanumakkanavar has said that the threat posed by destruction of natural resources due to degradation of environment can be avoided by planting and nurturing saplings.

He was speaking after launching *'Hasiru Mysuru Laksha Vruksha Abhiyan'* by watering a saplings at a programme organised by H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga, in association with Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP), B.C. Trust and Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samsthe at Hasiru Mysuru Nursery on Nanjangud Road in city recently.

The true way of saving the environment is leaving the green undisturbed. One can say, the environment exists where the man has not set his foot. Whatever disturbance the environment is facing is due to the illusion among the man, who claims to be distinct than other living beings, he said.

"To understand the difference between Bengaluru city and Mysuru, one should stay at least for a day in both the cities. It is due to the contributions of Maharajas of Mysuru, that Mysuru city offers a pleasant environment, but when it comes to its age, it is between 25 and 30 years. Mysuru may go Bengaluru way in the future, a wake-up call indeed," said Hanumakkanavar.

Several scientific studies have surmised that the maximum temperature may reach a record high, surpassing the record of 150 years. The man-made adversaries will surely end up in disasters, but may be postponed by planting trees. Hence, it is essential to grow plants at every house, he added.

Thousands of saplings including 5,000 plants for MCC were distributed on the occasion.

Mariyala Mutt Seer Sri Immadi Murugharajendra Swamiji, litterateur K.C. Shivappa, noted humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda, retired IFS Officer T. Balachandra, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, also the brain behind 'Hasiru Mysuru' campaign, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa and former Corporator K.V. Mallesh were present.

Environment Day at ODP

DCF N.H. Jagannath watering a plant at World Environment Day event organised at ODP in Bannimantap as others look on.

Mysuru, June 7 (MTY&DM)- Cauvery Wildlife DCF N.H. Jagannath said that growing a good number of trees in farmlands will help in maintaining ecological balance and also in preventing soil erosion.

He was speaking after inaugurating World Environment Day celebration, organised at Organisation for the Development of People (ODP) in Bannimantap here on June 5.

Noting that environmental conservation is posing a big challenge these days, Jagannath said the Forest Department has come up with several programmes on environmental protection.

Stating that climate change is causing havoc across the globe, he said that everyone should join hands in maintaining ecological balance by growing a good number of trees. Stressing that trees help a lot in preventing soil erosion, he said that the firm roots of trees will check soil erosion.

Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao SJ, the Bishop of Mysore and President of ODP, said that human greed is primarily responsible for destruction of nature.

He noted that many of those who make speeches on environmental conservation on stage are themselves the cause of deforestation. In this backdrop, everyone should make a pledge to shun greed and engage in environmental conservation.

University of Mysore Bio-Technology Department faculty Dr. Umesh and ODP Director Rev. Fr. Tenny Kurian too spoke. On the occasion, 28 farmers, who excelled in farming, were conferred with 'Best Agriculturist' award.

ODP Assistant Director Rev. Fr. John Fernandes, Rev. Fr. Ashwin Barnis, environmental activist Ramesh, Gram Vikas Self-Help Group (SHG) President M.B. Anees and others were present.

Heritage weighing machine restored at Rly. Museum

Mudit Mittal, DRM, SWR, Mysuru Division, cutting the ribbon and dedicating the restored heritage weighing machine *(pic. below)* ***to visitors.***

Mysuru, June 7- A rare and historically significant railway artefact, a 2,000-kg capacity mechanical platform weighing scale dating back to the late 1880s, has been restored and unveiled at the Mysuru Railway Museum.

The exhibit was inaugurated by Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, who ceremonially cut the ribbon and dedicated the restored heritage asset to visitors. Branch Officers were present on the occasion.

Manufactured by the renowned British firm Henry Pooley & Son of Liverpool, England, the weighing machine was originally acquired by the SWR. Following the merger of Mysore State Railway, South Indian Railway and Madras & Southern Mahratta Railway in 1951, it became part of Southern Railway. Its last operational location was Bangarpet Junction, now under SWR.

The mechanical platform scale, designed for weighing passengers' luggage, parcels and consignments, represents the engineering excellence of the Victorian era. Built with robust cast-iron construction and precision lever-and-beam mechanisms, it was capable of accurately weighing loads up to 2,000-kilograms.

Henry Pooley & Son was one of the most respected manufacturers of railway and industrial weighing equipment during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Their products were widely used across railways, ports, factories and commercial establishments throughout Britain and the British Empire. The restored exhibit highlights the evolution of railway operations and showcases how passenger baggage and parcel traffic were managed before the advent of electronic weighing systems. It also serves as an important link connecting the legacy of the South Indian Railway with present-day South Western Railway. Visitors are encouraged to view and photograph the exhibit, according to a press release from SWR, Mysuru Division.

Ramalinga Reddy withdraws resignation

Bengaluru, June 7 (KMS&VNS)- Water Resources Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy, who had submitted his resignation expressing dissatisfaction over portfolio allocation, has withdrawn it following a series of discussions with party High Command and senior Congress leadership.

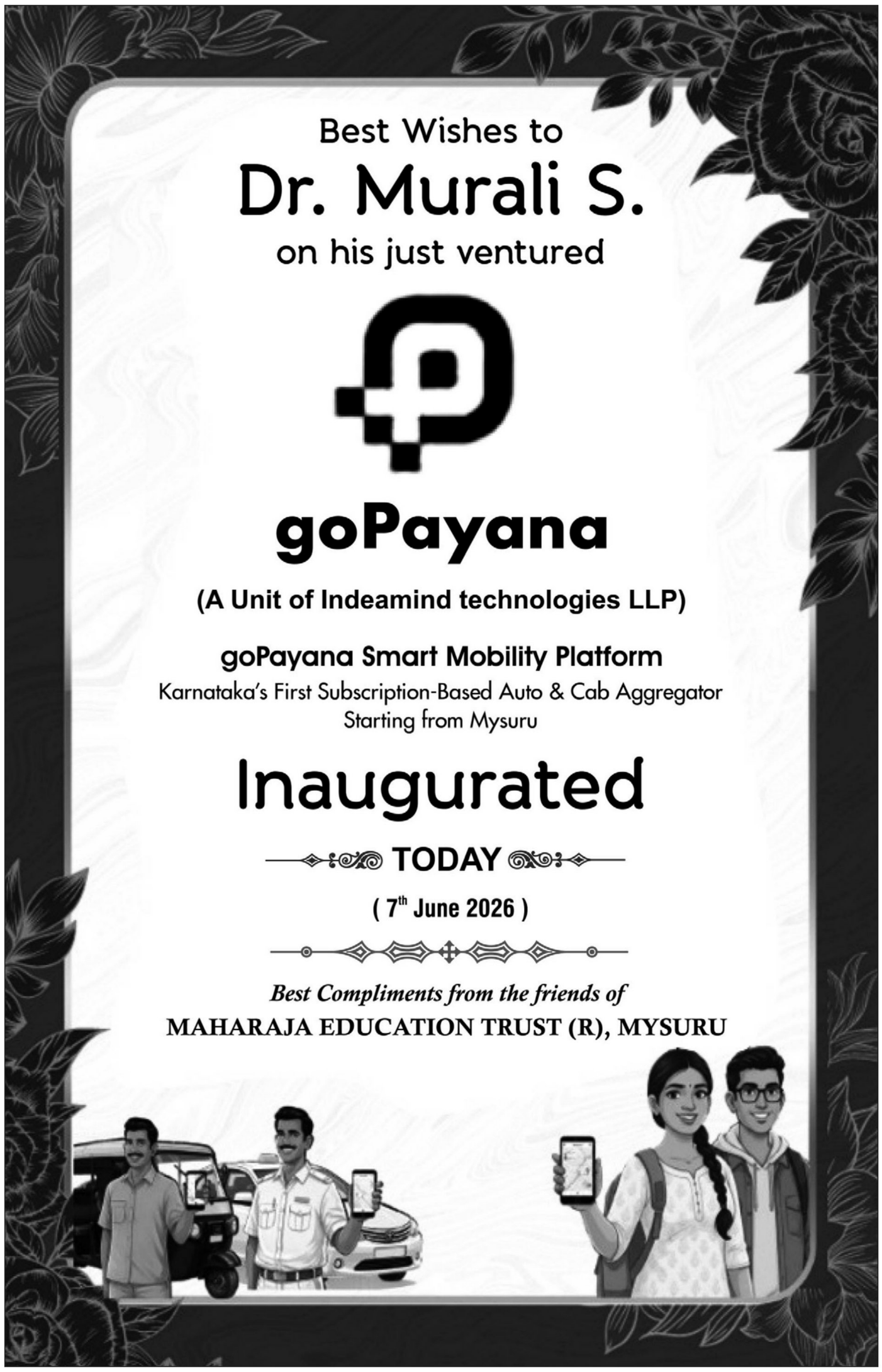
R. Ramalinga Reddy

Reddy had announced his resignation at a press meet, stating he was disappointed after being assigned a portfolio different from the Bengaluru Development portfolio, which he reportedly expected. Soon after stepping down, he left for Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu on a private visit. On his return, CM D.K. Shivakumar held discussions with him at a private hotel in an attempt to persuade him to reconsider. Former CM Siddaramaiah also spoke to Reddy over phone during the course of developments.

KPCC President B.K. Hariprasad later met Reddy at Shasakara Bhavana, where he was reportedly assured of a prominent role in the upcoming Greater Bengaluru City Corporation polls.

Subsequently, Reddy met the Karnataka Congress in-Charge Randeep Singh Surjewala. Following consultations with the party leadership and advice from the High Command, he decided to withdraw his resignation.

Later, addressing media persons, along with Hariprasad, Surjewala confirmed that the issue had been resolved. "Ramalinga Reddy has been one of the senior-most leaders of the party, having been elected 8 times to Legislative Assembly. He has worked closely with Hariprasad since his student days. During our discussions, along with CM, former CM & KPCC Chief, we requested him to withdraw his resignation, which he has accepted," Surjewala said.



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hunt for talents

Two players from catchment area to be selected for the main team

Mysuru, June 7 (MK&VNS)- Mysore Warriors held its second leg of talent hunt for the upcoming season-5 of Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri here this morning.

Enthusiastic young cricketers from Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, showcasing their skills, are vying for a chance to qualify for this year's tournament. A total of 75 young cricketers, including 25 bowlers, 18 batsmen, 30 all-rounders and 8 wicketkeepers, participated in the event.

The talent hunt was conducted under the supervision of Adithya Sagar, bowling coach and members of the Mysore Warriors coaching staff. The players underwent a comprehensive assessment process designed to evaluate their technical skills, match awareness, fitness and overall potential.

From a pool of 75 talented participants, the Mysore Warriors will shortlist 10 exceptional performers from the talent hunt. These 10 emerging players will join the team for an intensive practice session alongside the Mysore Warriors squad. Following this preparatory phase, two standout individuals will be selected to officially represent the team in the upcoming Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 2026.

Speaking at the Mysore Warriors Talent Hunt, Arjun Ranga, owner of Mysore Warriors and Managing Director of Cycle Pure Agarbathi, said: “At NR Group, we are proud to nurture young cricketing talent by providing them with a platform to showcase their skills and represent Karnataka with pride. It has been truly inspiring to witness their exceptional talent today and we are delighted to welcome these promising young players into the Mysore Warriors journey.”

'Lalitha Mahal could turn into Lansdowne-like ruin'

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Warning that further delay could push Lalitha Mahal into the list of neglected heritage structures in Mysuru, Prathap Simha said, local political leaders and industrial stakeholders have not shown adequate commitment to preserving heritage assets.

He also criticised what he termed self-serving political priorities and alleged that development issues are often sidelined.

Addressing certain activists, he said that some protests against tree felling are staged for publicity and fade away after a short period. Urging public participation, he said that citizens must step forward to protect Mysuru’s heritage.

No travel desk at Airport

P.V. Ushakumari, Director, Mysore Airport, highlighted gaps in tourism infrastructure, particularly the absence of a dedicated travel desk at the Airport.

She said that the lack of basic guidance is leaving visitors without reliable information about accommodation and tourist facilities and in some cases, exposing them to fraud.

The Airport Director urged the State Government to address the issue as a priority.

K.B. Lingaraju, President of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), said that tourism growth in Mysuru requires visionary leadership and committed public representatives. He stressed the need to balance heritage conservation with modernisation to strengthen the city’s tourism sector.

Prof. M.S. Sapna, Head of the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, University of Mysore (UoM), moderated the session.

Quality Conclave - 2026 held at JSS AHER

Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Quality Conclave-2026 in city recently as *(from left)* ***Dr. K. Pushpalatha, Dean (IQAC), JSS AHER, Dr. S. Hemamalini, Professor & Director, RAAC, VIT Chennai, Dr. Prashant M. Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER, Dr. N. Haraprasad, Dean (IQAC), JSS Science & Technology University, Dr. S. Raghavan, Associate Director, KPMG in India and Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, look on.***

Mysuru, June 7- As a step towards quality empowerment in higher education, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Quality Division of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, had organised Quality Conclave-2026 at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, recently.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, emphasised that quality is a moral responsibility and highlighted the importance of trust, accountability and continuous improvement in fostering institutional excellence.

Presenting the conclave overview, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, VC, JSS AHER, stressed that quality is a continuous journey and a strategic imperative for excellence in education, research, healthcare and societal service.

Dr. Prashant M. Vishwanath, Dean (Research), highlighted the pivotal role of IQAC in accreditation, quality assurance, strategic planning and continuous improvement initiatives.

The conclave featured expert sessions by Dr. Maheshwar Peri, Founder-Chairman, Careers360, who highlighted the role of institutional rankings in enhancing academic quality & informed student decision-making.

S. Raghavan, Associate Director, Govt. & Public Services, KPMG in India, Dr. S. Hemamalini, Professor & Director, RAAC, VIT Chennai, too spoke. Dr. Deepa compered. Dr. K. Sumana proposed a vote of thanks.

Forest staff gain firepower

A Forest staff member being trained to use weapons as part of the four-day intensive training.

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In addition, personnel were sensitised on the legal and ethical aspects of firearm use, including the guidelines governing the use of force and mandatory reporting procedures after any discharge of weapons.

Officials said, the initiative is significant in the context of rising human-wildlife conflict incidents, particularly elephant and leopard encounters in forest-edge villages of Mysuru & Chamarajanagar. The training was jointly organised by Vigilance Wing of Forest Department, Mysuru Mobile Forest Squad and Mysuru Division officials, in coordination with Mysuru District Police.

The valedictory ceremony was attended by Conservator of Forests, Mysuru Circle S.S. Ravishankar, Mysuru Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi, Deputy Conservator of Forests K. Paramesh, Assistant Conservator of Forests G. Rudresh and Range Forest Officers K. Surendra and Sachin.

Nalwadi practised 'democracy in monarchy': Retd. IAS officer

Retired IAS Officer B.R. Jayaramaraje Urs, addressing the gathering during the Yuva Janotsava and Prathibha Puraskara, organised by Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable Trust at Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam in the city this morning. *(Sitting from left)* ***Swami Sarvajayananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, President of Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable Trust B.S. Sridharaje Urs and Hon. President of the Trust M.L. Basavaraje Urs.***

Mysuru, June 7 (BLU&BS)- B.R. Jayaramaraje Urs, retired IAS Officer, sang paeans of erstwhile Ruler of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, as a benevolent King, who practiced 'Democracy in Monarchy.'

He was speaking during the Yuva Janotsava and Prathibha Puraskara, organised by Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable Trust, at Sri Krishna temple premises, Gokulam in the city this morning.

Recalling the title bestowed upon Nalwadi by Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi as *Rajarshi,* Urs said Nalwadi, a political philosopher, that he was, ruled in a truly democratic way, giving equal opportunity for elected representatives and framing policies after considering the opinions of concerned officials.

"There were over 600 Royal Families in the country, but only a few among them were benevolent rulers and Nalwadi was one among them. Nalwadi laid foundation for Karnataka as a model State, making himself as an ideal ruler for others. Despite losing his father at an early age, he learnt the nuances of administration under the guidance of his mother Vani Vilasa Sannidhana Kempananjammanni. The pro-people works implemented by Nalwadi, are still benefitting the mankind," he said.

Years may go, decades may pass, but Nalwadi's works shall remain eternal for the ages to come, hailed Urs.

Swami Sarvajayananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, inaugurated the programme. President of Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable Trust B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs presided. Hon. President of the Trust M.L. Basavaraje Urs was present.

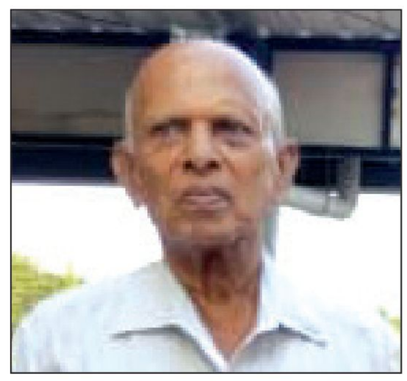
Former Intl. cricket umpire Vikramaraju passes away

Mysuru, June 7 (VNS)- Former International Cricket Umpire V. Vikramaraju, passed away at his residence in city this morning. He was 92.

A resident of Kuvempunagar, he is survived by his wife Dakshayani Vikram, son Charan, daughter Rajashree, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grand children and host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening, according to family sources.

Profile: Born on Jan. 1 in 1934, Vikramarju officiated two Test matches between 1985 and 1986 which included the famous tied Test match between India and Australia at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai, formally Madras and five ODI games between 1984 and 1988 which included the tied ODI between India and Pakistan on Mar. 20, 1987 at Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium in Hyderabad which India eventually won as it had lost less wickets compared to Pakistan.



V. Vikramaraju

He also officiated the exhibition cricket match played for Prime Minister's Relief Fund between India and Pakistan on Sept. 21, 1983 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

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Power disruption in city

Mysuru, June 7- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable laying work at Jyothinagar Sub-Division limits, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas from June 8 to 11 between 9 am and 6 pm:

June 8: Raghavendranagar, JSS Layout, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Triveni Circle and Muttumaramma Temple; **June 9:** Shaktinagar, Sathagalli Layout and HPRMS Layout; **June 10:** Yaraganahalli surroundings; **June 11:** Raghavendranagar, JSS Layout, Yaraganahalli surroundings, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer (EE), CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

Obituary

Appugowda

Mysuru, June 7- Appugowda (73), a resident of Kurubarahalli, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

He leaves behind his wife, four daughters, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held at Kurubarahalli Burial Grounds at 5 pm today, according to family sources.

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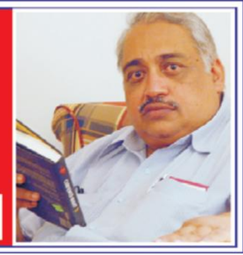

Strange lessons in living, exchanged!

Last week I wrote about the kind of life led by many medical students, who take their own sweet time to pass out of medical colleges and become doctors, with some of them even dropping out from the courses altogether and pursuing other fields of life, often ending up earning more than what most other doctors can even hope to earn. Although there was no cap in the past on how much time would be allowed for a student to complete the five-year MBBS course, things are now about to change, with the **National Medical Council (NMC)** proposing to restrict this time period to only ten years.

Though I passed my MBBS course very comfortably, within the stipulated time frame, with good grades too, I had a very unique association and experience with many senior students in my college, who were finding it rather difficult to do likewise. This is a very common occurrence in almost every medical college, with every batch having a few back-loggers who manage to complete their course only years after their other classmates pass out.

When I joined medical college, in far off Gulbarga, there were a good number of such repeaters in the small hostel block where I had my room, who quickly became my friends. One of them, who was a year senior to me, was from a rural background, who had had almost his entire schooling in Kannada medium and was therefore finding it very difficult to comprehend what the voluminous text books in the college tried to tell him, in the very alien King's English. The result was that despite his best efforts at taking his studies seriously, he had failed quite miserably, in all subjects of the first year.

One day he very apologetically approached me and asked me if I could take some time to explain to him in easy English, whatever topics I happened to be reading daily. I did not have the heart to say no and immediately said that he was most welcome to join me in my study sessions, with a warning that unlike most students who studied during late nights, I did all my studies only early in the morning.

He readily agreed to the proposal and even said that to make things easy for me, he would not mind passing in one subject at a time. So, our study sessions started early the very next morning. Although I quickly realised that what I had undertaken was not going to be an easy task, considering his abysmal lack of proficiency in English, I decided to help him pass all the subjects in one go, at his supplementary examination, that would come a full six months before my exam.

That would mean studying the extra portions of one full term even before they were taught to my batch in our classes at college, which was going to be a rather difficult task. Nevertheless, we went ahead with the arrangement, with both of us quickly discovering to our mutual delight that we were doing a pretty good job of what we had set out to do!

This was despite me taking time not only to explain the topics but also to dictate notes to him in simple English at the end of each session, which he would read instead of turning to text books. All through this exercise, I kept telling him that he must try to concentrate on all the subjects and clear them in one go instead of doing it one at a time. Very soon the dreaded exams came and the results too came and to our mutual delight and to the utter amazement of all his friends we found that he had passed the first year of the course fully, which was and still is considered to be the most difficult first step to getting the MBBS degree!

Astounded by how easily he had passed, his three other friends who too had failed, approached me and requested me to help them likewise. When I pleaded my inability saying that it would make things very difficult for me, they said in their defence that it would not be much of a bother for me this time because I would in any case be studying the same subjects over the next six months, for my own final exams. And, they also pointed out that this time my job would be much easier because I would not have to dictate any notes as they would use the notes I had dictated to their friend.

So, the second term of my forced early morning tutorial classes started all over again and seemed to be going quite smoothly when much greater trouble came calling. **Yes, King Claudius in William Shakespeare's play** *Hamlet,* **very rightly says that "When sorrows come, they come not as single spies but in battalions." Nothing could be truer in my case!**

I say this because my first student who had tasted success and was now in the second year, came calling once again and said that he was having the same trouble in tackling the subjects there, for which he wanted my help once again, a request I tried very hard to refuse because that would mean reading up the subjects that I had myself not been exposed to yet. But when he began pleading with me most helplessly and knowing him as I did, I did not have the heart to refuse and I agreed to help him.

This new responsibility brought in some drastic changes in my daily routine. To be able to help him I would have to hold classes for him in the late evenings, which was the only time available to me for my other activities like general reading and going out into town. But I consoled myself that I should go ahead and do this, despite the inconvenience, because I was doing a good deed for a friend who helplessly need my help.

So, the evening classes too started and to me that meant studying for the first year MBBS in the mornings and the second year MBBS in the evenings, certainly something that no MBBS student had ever done in his or her lifetime! I told you how right King Claudius was.

Very soon, one day my friend told me very guardedly that two of his friends who had failed in the second year, would also like to join him for the tuition classes. Now, this was the absolute limit and I very firmly refused to let them in. That was when he told me that one of them who wanted to come was one of the most feared rowdy elements of the college and it would not be a very wise thing to rub him the wrong way by refusing his request.

He said that I would on the other hand, benefit greatly by obliging him because doing that meant having one of the most powerful persons among the students on my side, for the rest of my stay in the college. Now, I was unable to decide if doing good to this don was going to do good or bad for me. But I clearly had no choice because I was just a first-year student and a complete stranger in a strange land, far from home.

Caution told me to stay clear, while common sense told me to join hands and be safe. And, thankfully, the latter won, which was good for both of us because as we went along, I discovered the golden streak of goodness that ran deep inside the heart of that man who, had only because of some cruel twists of fate, compelled himself to only assume the exterior countenance of a warlord, in an unkind world! He had the most heart-wrenching story to tell, of the misfortunes of his family, where his parents, trapped in a world of crime, had toiled hard to educate him and give him a life of dignity, far away from his past. As a child he had seen the dark underbelly of crime and had even been forced by circumstances to be a part of it. We soon became the best of friends as I helped him with his studies and today, he is one of the most successful doctors, in another part of the world.

And, very strangely, he helped me too, in a much bigger way, by making me understand that one should never go by the external appearances of a person, however harsh or brutal... A lesson in living, which I will never forget, in my lifetime!

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Free health camp at AET High School

Mysuru, June 7- The Azeezia Educational Trust (AET), Astana-e-Salmaniya Darga Committee and Darul Uloom Azeezia Trust will be jointly organising a free mega health check-up camp on June 13 (Saturday) from 10 am to 2 pm at A.E.T. High School (Azeezia Building), near Water Tank, K.H.B. Kalyanagiri.

The camp is held as part of the 22nd Annual Sandal Urus Shariff of Founder of Azeezia Educational Trust Hazarath Allama Al-Sha Mohammed Salman Saheb Misbahi Chishti-ul-Qadri Baqai Safvi (R.A), under the supervision of Dr. Nayaz Pasha Saheb, RMO, K.R. Hospital and Puneeth, Senior Marketing Executive, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru.

Camp facilities include free consultation for Blood Pressure (BP) check, Blood Sugar (GRBS) test, Weight check, ECG, Echo Screening etc. Specialists will be available from OBG & Gynaecology, Orthopaedic, Paediatrician, General Physician along with four Nursing Staff.

Dr. Chethan Kumar, Chief of District Mobile Ophthalmic Unit, K.R. Hospital, and his team will examine the patients.

Registration will be held from 9 am to 11 am and patients have to bring a copy of Aadhaar Card. For details contact Ph: 0821-2457786 or Mob: 96201-53213 or 63605-40445.

Weekly heart camp at Chamarajanagar

Mysuru, June 7 (DM)- Bengaluru's Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Director Dr. B. Dinesh said that it has been planned to conduct heart check-up camp once in a week at Chamarajanagar, with co-operation from Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences and the District Administration.

Dr. Dinesh

Speaking to presspersons in Mysuru, he said it has been proposed to hold heart camps either on Monday or Wednesday every week at Chamarajanagar. Patients who need advanced treatment will be sent to Mysuru Hospital, he pointed out.

Highlighting the need for people to be more alert of heart ailments with the onset of monsoon, Dr. Dinesh said precautionary measures should be taken for maintaining a healthy heart.

While foundation stone for the construction of additional block of 200 beds in Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital will be laid in a month, the 437-bed Cardiology Hospital at Hubballi will be opened for public service in September.

'Give technical approval for Arjuna Circle in city'

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar urges Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Mysuru, June 7 (BLU&BS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, has urged Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, to appoint a Project Management Advisor to provide technical approval for the proposed development of Arjuna Circle in front of LIC Divisional Office in Bannimantap in the city.

Yaduveer, has submitted a memorandum in this regard to Union Minister Shekhawat, during his visit to participate in Mysore Travel Mart, at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar in the city.

It was brought to the notice of Union Minister, the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 20 crore grants for the project, planned in commemoration of legendary howdah-carrier elephant Arjuna, that had participated in Jumboo Savari organised as part of *Nada Habba* Dasara for several years.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar submitting a memorandum to Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in Mysuru recently.

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) contains world class design, architecture, traffic management and development of island, with the timely execution of the project, awaiting technical approval, Yaduveer Wadiyar has explained.

Besides, Yaduveer has also urged the Union Minister to provide grants for the complete restoration of historical Madikeri Fort, along with its conservation and technical upgradation. The good old structure, that stands testimony to the history, culture and architectural grandeur of the bygone era, will be attracting thousands of tourists throughout the year, he opined.

Under the Tourism and Heritage Development scheme, a survey of historical structures should be taken up and provided adequate funds for their restoration, establishment of museum, digital information system and multi-language audio guide, sound and light show, environmental friendly footpaths, beautification, parking and facilities for public, demanded Yaduveer Wadiyar.

Man ends life at city theatre

Mysuru, June 7 (PM&BS)- A man allegedly committed suicide by consuming pesticide used to kill cockroach, at a theatre in the city yesterday.

The deceased is identified as Manju, a resident of Metagalli, aged between 55-60 years, according to the details obtained from the Aadhaar card, found in his pocket. He had bought tickets for the morning show at 10.30 am and first show at 4.30 pm at Prabha Talkies on Old Bank Road.

The theatre has 700-seat capacity and about 40 had bought tickets for the first show. Manju, who was seated in the back row, is suspected to have consumed the poisonous substance, while watching the movie. The reason for his extreme step is yet to be ascertained. The body has been shifted to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC and RI) mortuary for post-mortem.

Devaraja Police have registered a case.

Rs. 25 lakh worth articles gutted in fire mishap

Mysuru, June 7 (SPN&BS)- Articles estimated worth Rs. 25 lakh were gutted in a fire mishap that occurred at the godown of matchbox and stationery materials, at Shivarampet in the city recently.

The godown belongs to a shop owned by Dayalal of Devaraj Mohalla.

The incident came to light as some of the locals and those residing in the neighbourhood of the godown, noticed smoke billowing out of the premises. They informed Fire and Emergency Services Department personnel, who doused the fire after a three-hour long operation.

Devaraja Police have registered a case.

Rider killed as goods vehicle hits bike

Mysuru, June 7 (PM&KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed when a goods vehicle hit the bike he was riding near Anjaneyaswamy Temple at Kalasthavadi on the Service Road of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway on June 3.

The deceased has been identified as M.R. Keertish (24), a resident of Guddenahalli village in Periyapatna taluk.

On June 3 evening, Keertish was proceeding on the Service Road on his bike (KA-12-Y-0694) towards Bengaluru when a speeding goods vehicle (KA-55-7860), which came from the opposite direction hit the bike near the Temple resulting in Keertish sustaining serious head injuries.

Though he was being rushed to a hospital, he is said to have breathed his last mid way.

Based on the complaint from Keertish's father Rathnakar, NR Traffic Police have registered a case.

Cyber criminals hack engineer's bank accounts, siphon Rs. 13.71 lakh

Mysuru, June 7 (PM&KS)- Cyber criminals, who hacked into the bank accounts of an engineer, have siphoned off a total of Rs. 13,71,237.

The engineer, who lost his money is Janardhan (name changed), a resident of Vishweshwaranagar in city.

Janardhan received a message which stated that Rs. 5 lakh pre approved loan was sanctioned to his credit card and a link was also sent to him asking him to submit a form to credit the same to his salary bank account. On May 23, the amount was also credited. On May 25, another loan was sanctioned from another bank.

On May 25, Janardhan received a message regarding transfer of money from his bank account. As he had not initiated the transfer, he looked into his bank statement and found that money was illegally transferred from his bank account from May 21 to May 25. In all, a total of Rs. 13,71,237 was transferred from his bank accounts.

Based on the complaint, city's CEN Police registered a FIR on June 5.

Advocate loses Rs. 98,000

An amount of Rs. 98,000 from the bank account of an advocate has been illegally transferred to the bank account of a private company when the mobile phone of the advocate hanged and restarted.

In his complaint the advocate stated that on May 31, when he was browsing his *Facebook* page, his mobile phone got hanged and got restarted after 20 minutes. During this period, Rs. 98,000 was transferred from his bank account using Google Pay.

Based on the complaint, city's CEN Police registered a FIR on June 4.

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Application along with supportive documents, Curriculum Vitae with a passport size photograph mentioning therein the e-mail ID and contact phone number should be sent to **The Principal, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru-12,** so as to reach **on or before 13/06/2026.** The softcopy of the applications may be sent to **principal.fgc@mahajana.edu.in**

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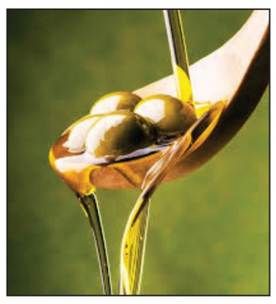
WORD OF THE DAY

Unctuous



Pronunciation: UNK-chuh-wus (adjective).
Meaning: Unctuous is a word that's undergone change in recent years. It now often describes food that is fatty and oily, especially in a pleasing way. Formerly it was more typically applied as a formal adjective describing someone who is figuratively oily—that is, overly or insincerely flattering. Both uses can be found today.
Origin: Unctuous is a slippery word in multiple ways. Its ultimate source is a Latin word meaning "to anoint; to smear or rub with oil or an oily substance," and this oily character was key to the word's meaning when it first appeared in the 14th century, as when John Trevisa wrote "Þe fruit of olyue is ful of liȝt, likynge, and vnctuous" (in modern English: "the olive fruit is bright, delicious, and unctuous"). Unctuous here means "fatty" or "oily," as did its immediate Medieval Latin predecessor unctuosus. This same use of unctuous is quite prominent today, as the word often describes deliciously fatty foods and the sensation of such foods on the palate (as in "an unctuous mouthfeel"). But come across unctuous in literature of the 19th or 20th century and you're more likely to see a less pleasant application, with the word describing a person or behaviour that is figuratively oily — that is, overly or insincerely flattering.

THE ODD WORD

Ultimogeniture

Inheritance by the last son.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Up the ante

Meaning: To raise the stakes, either in betting or in any form of conflict or competition.
Origin: To find out the origin of 'Up the ante' we first need to know what an ante (pronounced like 'anti') is. Walter Raleigh would have told us that it is a form of large South American tapir. In his memoire of his travels in *Venezuala Discoverie Guiana,* 1596, he wrote: It [Guayana] hath a kind of beast called Cama, or Anta, as bigge as an English beefe, and in greate plenty.
However, the ante we are seeking isn't a 16th century word but a 19th century one. The 'ante' is a stake put into the pot before play, in betting games like poker, begins. The player to the dealer's left will put an 'ante' into the pot and anyone wishing to play must at least match it. To 'up the ante' is, in effect, to raise the stakes, which can have the effect of causing those with insufficient funds to bale out of the game. Here's an early example of that in print, using the variant expression 'raise the ante', taken from a listing of the rules of numerous card games entitled *Hoyle's Games Improved,* 1814: After the first three cards are dealt [in brag], but before taking in, the eldest hand having seen his cards, may raise the ante.

QUOTE BOX

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.—**George S. Patton**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Humpty Dumpty.

SUDOKU

					8	7		4
	3	5				8		
			3					1
5		3	8		2			
		8				6		
			4		7	3		9
2					6			
		6				4	1	
3		9	1					

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	7	4	5	6	1	9	8
6	8	1	2	9	7	4	5	3
5	9	4	1	3	8	7	2	6
9	7	2	3	4	1	8	6	5
4	5	8	9	6	2	3	7	1
1	6	3	7	8	5	9	4	2
3	4	5	8	2	9	6	1	7
7	2	9	6	1	3	5	8	4
8	1	6	5	7	4	2	3	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

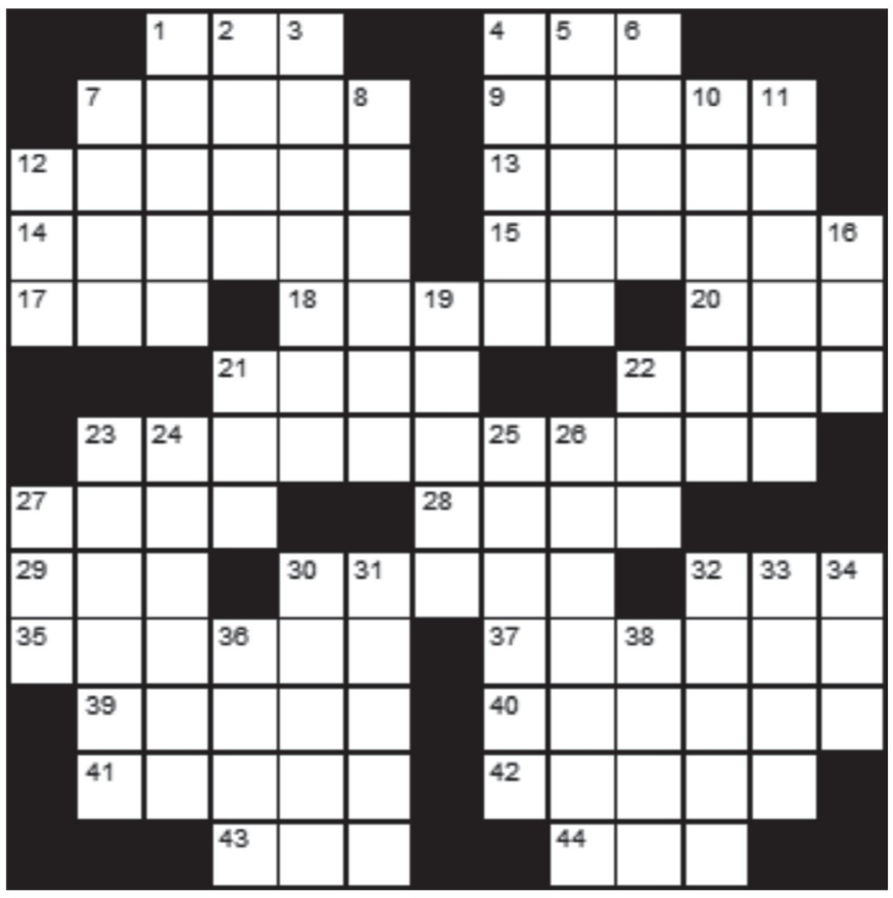
1 Septic discharge from wounds etc.
4 Monogram of the comment's speaker
7 Narrow sea arm
9 Of Celtic descent?
12 Ice-cream dessert
13 Southern African
14 Priam's wife
15 Igloo dweller
17 Estimated life expectancy
18 Sanctify
20 ___ going : departed?
21 "Retired" in short?
22 Australian birds
23 Capital of Gujarat
27 Kips or cots
28 Mafia boss
29 Spanish gold
30 Moving around
32 Regional Airline Assoc.
35 Long, yellow fruit
37 Probable or appropriate?
39 Squeal or complain about? (3,2)
40 "One in a" movement that's everlasting!
41 Simple semiconductor
42 Make a monotonous humming sound
43 Sea for the French
44 Neither his nor hers?

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

		L	I	M	B		S	O	U	S	E
A	S	S	A	G	A	I		I	B	S	E	N
P	E	A	C	O	C	K		N	I	E	C	E
I	N	T	E	R	R	I	N	G				
S	T	Y			O	N	O		I	S	A	Y
		A	S	P		I	V	A	N	H	O	E
R	A	J	P	U	T		A	R	T	I	S	T
A	L	I	A	S	E	S		C	O	L		
G	A	T	M		E	L	F			L	O	P
				I	D	O	L	A	T	O	R	S
A	D	L	I	B		G	A	M	I	N	E	S
L	E	O	N	E		A	M	O	N	G	S	T
B	R	O	N	X		N	E	S	T			

DOWN

1 ____ nez : pair of old fashioned eye-glasses?
2 Pakistani language
3 ___ in the back: behaved treacherously?
4 Mocks, jeers
5 Top ___ : high ranking officers?
6 Fall below the surface
7 Combustible material
8 It's said to be more than wealth
10 Mark of infamy
11 Drollery
12 H Rider Haggard's heroine?
16 Officers Training School, acronym
19 Formal command
21 TLC providers
22 The self
23 Mr Butler of Hollywood
24 Hebrew name for God
25 Fastened with spike
26 Presumptively, self-evidently (1,6)
27 Robert's pet name?
30 Battery terminal
31 More mentally balanced
32 You control a horse by them
33 Wings or winglike parts
34 Author ___ Rand of Atlas Shrugged fame
36 Tiny particle
38 The unit of speed at sea



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MNYRPGUIB PFIBM RPB RIBNYRG YT GI GLPG MBOIVHMBG XLURL

UT, PG IBRM, DMTG UB CYPFUGV PBN UBZUBUGM UB CYPBGUGV.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS Q

Thursday's Cryptoquip: You can only govern men by serving them. The rule is without exception.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Mango Pachcha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Peddi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Peddi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Peddi (K) - 3 Shows; *Peddi (Te)* - 1 Show
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  KD (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Blast (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Lo Naveena (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Karuppu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (K) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422 4241800

Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	(S-1)	8.45 am
	(S-3)	11 am, 4.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-1)	11.20 am
Peddi (Te)	(S-1)	1.55 pm, 8.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 am, 4 pm
Peddi (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Bandar (H)	(S-1)	5.40 pm; (S-2) 7 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.50 pm; (S-3) 7.35 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
He Man & The Masters of Universe (E)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.40 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-4)	1.35 pm, 10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

Mango Pachcha (K)	:	10.25 am, 12.25 pm, 7.45 pm
Alexander (K)	:	10.50 am
Peddi (K)	:	11 am, 2.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 4.10, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.20 pm
Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	2.25 pm, 5.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	3.50 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	6.30 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	9.20 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Peddi (Te)	:	9 am, 11.45 am, 3.45 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Peddi (K)	:	10.20 am, 6 pm
Peddi (H)	:	2.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	9.05 am, 12.50 pm, 3.35 pm
		7.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.35 pm, 5.10 pm
		8 pm, 9.45 pm
He- Man and The Masters of The Universe (E)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10.15 am, 2.45 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	11 am
Blast (Ta)	:	2.15 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	3.50 pm
Michael (E)	:	5.15 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mango Pachcha (K)	:	9.55 am, 2.45 pm, 7.50 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	10 am, 1.50 pm
		5.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Peddi (K)	:	1.05 pm, 10 pm
Peddi (H)	:	10.30 pm
Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	10.10 am, 11.50 am
		4.55 pm, 7.35 pm
He- Man and The Masters of The Universe (E)	:	1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	4.55 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 7)

- **Mysore Travels Association (MTA), GRS Fantasy Park, Central Tourism Department, Karnataka Tourism Department, Mysore Hotel Owners Association and SKAL International Mysore:** Valedictory of Mysore Travel Mart-2026, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait and Anil Chikkamadu, Karnataka Tourism Society President Shyam Raju, Karnataka State Hotels Association President G.K. Shetty, Karnataka Tourism Commissioner Akram Pasha chief guests, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Gayana Sabha:** Hindustani Classical Music Concert by Vidu. Shubhangi Jadhav, accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Srimate Sarada Devi' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam:** Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana, Discourse on 'Sri Krishna' by G.C. Puttaswamy, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** Adhika Masa pujas, discourse on 'Anjananandanotsav - Sri Sundarakanda' by N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Agni mattu Male,' written by Girish Karnad, directed by Saliyana Umesh Narayana, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of detective comedy play 'Thatte Idli Raddhanta,' written and directed by senior Rangayana artist Mayasandra Krishnaprasad, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 8)

- **C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers:** Jewellery Expo, Grand Mercure, Sayyaji Rao Road, **10.30 am to 8 pm.**
- **Bharani Art Gallery:** Art Exhibition, Gallery premises, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Vivekananda Nagar, **11 am to 7 pm.** [Mob: 94485-54221]
- **Confederation of Real Estate Developers of India (CREDAI), Mysuru Centre, Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre and Income Tax Department:** Interaction Session on 'Assessment issues related to Real Estate Builders and Developers under the New Income Tax Act, 2025,' Kalpalata Rajan, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Range-1, Mysuru, S. Venkatesan, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, Circle-1(1), Mysuru and R. Ranganathan, Dy/Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, guest officers, Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam:** Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana, Discourse on 'Sri Krishna' by G.C. Puttaswamy, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, The Indian Water Works Association (IWWA), Mysuru Centre, Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board, Mysuru and Department of Environmental Engineering, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru:** World Environment Day celebrations, Dr. D. Ravishankar, Professor of Practice, Department of Environment Engineering, SJCE - JSS STU and Prof. Kumudha Mayur, Bharathi College Post Graduate & Research Centre and Founder-StatMint Innovations LLP, Mandya, speakers, H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** Adhika Masa pujas, discourse on 'Anjananandanotsav - Sri Sundarakanda' by N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.50 pm, 7.35, 10.20 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	9 am, 3.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Peddi (K)	:	11.45 am, 3.15 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Peddi (H)	:	10 pm
He- Man and The Masters of The Universe (E)	:	9.55 am, 3.35 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	:	10.15 am, 3.15 pm, 7.50 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	12.20 pm
Obsession (E)	:	12.50 pm, 5.25 pm, 7.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	9.45 am, 4.30 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	10 am, 1.50 pm
		5.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Peddi (K)	:	12.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 10.30 pm
He- Man and The Masters of The Universe (E)	:	10.25 am, 7.15 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	:	12.10 pm, 2.20 pm, 8.20 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	1.20 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Regularisation of trains

Mysuru, June 7- Railway Board has approved the regularisation of special train services running between Mysuru and SMVT Bengaluru as regular passenger train service. These trains will now operate with regular train numbers, ensuring improved convenience and reliability for passengers.

Accordingly, Train No. 06269/06270 Mysuru-SMVT Bengaluru-Mysuru Special will be regularised as Train No. 56231/56232 Mysuru-SMVT Bengaluru-Mysuru Passenger.

Train No. 56231 Mysuru-SMVT Bengaluru Passenger will run daily with effect from 5.6.2026, while Train No. 56232 SMVT Bengaluru-Mysuru Passenger will run daily with effect from 6.6.2026.

These trains will continue to operate with the existing timings, stoppages, composition and maintenance pattern as already in force.

Temporary Stoppage at Dornahalli Halt

To facilitate devotees attending Annual Feast of St. Antony's Basilica, South Western Railway (SWR) has approved a temporary one-minute stoppage of four Express trains at Dornahalli Halt Station from June 11 to 14.

The details of the trains and timings are as follows:

Train No. 16225 Mysuru-Shivamogga Town Express will arrive at 10.42 am and departs at 10.43 am. Train No. 16226 Shivamogga Town-Mysuru Express will arrives at 3.50 pm and departs at 3.51 pm.

Train No. 16222 Mysuru-Talguppa Express will arrives at 2.35 pm and departs at 2.36 pm. Train No. 16221 Talguppa-Mysuru Express will arrives at 1.57 pm and departs at 1.58 pm, according to a press release.

Environment Day celebrations

Mysuru, June 7- The Acme School, Nivedithanagar, Mysuru, will be celebrating the Environment Day tomorrow (June 8) at 9.30 am.

Yogendra, Scientist from Mysuru, will be the chief guest.

Dr. C. Sharath Kumar, Chairperson of the School, will be addressing the gathering. Students will be distributing the Aloe vera plants to the public during the procession to be held as part of the celebrations. School Secretary Arun Singh and Treasurer Subhashini will be present.

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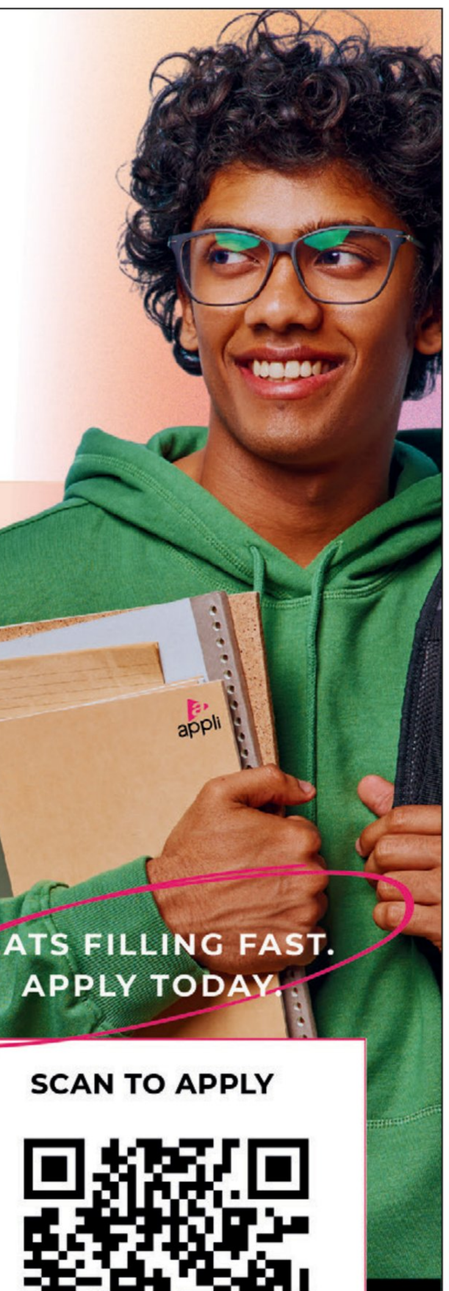

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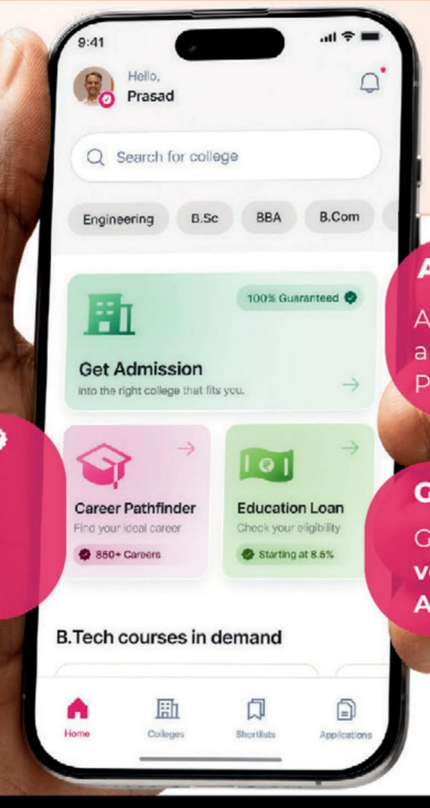

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ಕಿಟ್ಟದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಕಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಲು ಬೂದಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರು ಮತ್ತು ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ನೂಲು ತೆಗೆಯುವ ಘಟಕ, ಟಿ.ನರಸೀಪುರದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಕಿಟ್ಟ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಲು ಬೂದಿಯನ್ನು ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಟನ್‌ನ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆ ಉಳ್ಳವರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಘಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹವಾಗಿರುವ ಕಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಲಿನ ಬೂದಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪ್ರಮಾಣ, ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹರಾಜು ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.01 **ಘಟಕದ ಹೆಸರು:** ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ನೂಲು ತೆಗೆಯುವ ಘಟಕ ಟಿ.ನರಸೀಪುರ. **ಅಂದಾಜು ಪರಿಮಾಣ:** 550 ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಟನ್. **ನಿಗದಿತ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ:** 1,00,000/– **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಹರಾಜಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 15.06.2026

ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಪಾನ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ನೀತಿ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಘಟಕದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರಿಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದೊಳಗೆ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ: 10.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ರೂ.100.00/– ಗಳ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ತೆರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿ) ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation Ltd., ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ರೂ.1,00,000/–ಗಳ ಚೆಕ್ ಅಥವಾ NEFT ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಾವತಿಸಿದ ರಶೀದಿಯನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿ ದಿ: 15.06.2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಅದೇ ದಿನ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ದಿ: 10.06.2026 ರಿಂದ ಘಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ವಿವಾದ ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಐ.ಸಿ ನಿಗಮದ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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